

## Voter Registration Quick Facts



In order to vote in North Carolina, you must meet these qualifications:

- You must be a US citizen
- You must be 18 by the next General Election day
- You must be a NC resident and have lived at your residence for at least 30 days preceding an election
- If you have previously been convicted of a felony, you must have completed all parts of your sentence, including probation and parole, and then your citizenship rights are automatically restored and you are permitted to register and vote.

If you are unsure whether you meet the registration qualifications and you need help, please call the NC State Board of Elections



**CALL**

**1-866-522-4723**

**How to Register:** If you meet the registration qualifications, then you may complete a voter registration form and return it to your county board of elections no later than 25 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election. In NC, you can also register and vote during the One-Stop Registration & Absentee Voting period, which begins 19 days before the election and runs until the last Saturday before the election. Visit our website for more details:

[www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us)

## FAQs

If you need help completing your voter registration form, call our hotline:



- Q:** Where do students who attend college in North Carolina register to vote?  
**A:** Students may register to vote in the community where they are attending school, so long as they declare that their home is the community where they are attending school and they don't register to vote elsewhere. Or students may register to vote in a different community as long as they consider it to be their home residence.
- Q:** Do ex-felons need to show a special document that permits them to register to vote?  
**A:** No. Ex-felons have their citizenship rights automatically restored after they have fully completed their sentence, including probation, parole and post-release supervision; however, they must re-register in order to vote.
- Q:** Can 17 year-olds register to vote and even vote in a primary if they will be 18 on or before the date of the general election?  
**A:** Yes; however, while they will be permitted to vote in a primary, they cannot vote on any referenda until they are 18.
- Q:** Although I am not a U.S. citizen, I am a legal resident, can I register to vote?  
**A:** No. The law requires that you be a U.S. citizen before you can register and vote.



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